

# NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT



#### **Habitats**

**Coral reefs** 

**Seamounts** 

**Banks** 

**Shoals** 

**Atolls** 



**Monk Seal** 

**Green Sea Turtle** 

**Black Coral** 

Spiny lobster

**Butterfly Fish** 

**Laysan Albatross** 















### **Astonishing Facts**

At least one quarter of the species around the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands are endemic, found nowhere else on Earth, many more remain unidentified or unknown to science.

If the Northwestern Hawaiian Island were laid atop the continental United State, the NWHI owuld cover a distance equal to that between New York City and Omaha, Nebraska, or Boston and the Florida Everglades.





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### **Astonishing Fact**

The reefs and atolls seen today in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands chain represent "footprints" of former high volcanic islands.



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